



Regional Service Council Minutes Region 5

Meeting Date: July 26, 2013

Meeting Location: Department of Child Services
Tippecanoe County Office
250 Main St., Ste 301
Lafayette, IN

Council Members Present: Angela Smith Grossman, Regional Manager; Stacey Morgan, Clinton County FCM Supervisor; Sarah Sailors, Director Carroll County DCS; Jennifer Johnson, Foster Care Specialist Supervisor; and Laura Zimmerman, Director Benton County DCS. Judge Rader, Warren County (by telephone); Judge Faith Graham, Tippecanoe County; and Karen Hayden, Director White County DCS

Council Members Absent: Paige Heath, FCM Supervisor, Tippecanoe County; Coleen Hamrick Tippecanoe County CASA; Penny Neal, Warren County FCM; Debbie Brenneman, Foster Parent; and Judge Henderson, Fountain County.

Others In Attendance: Lois Logan-Beard; Sandy Lock, Director Clinton County DCS; Sonya Janssen-Luper, Director Fountain/Warren County DCS; Cassie Leak, Bauer Family Resources; Jon Bennett, Children's Bureau; Hong-Phuc Nguyen; Kelly Hunckler, Gibault; Debbie Branfield, Crossroad; Tai Crayton, Whites; Jim Priester, Rescare; Shannon Yonkman and Sandy Waldrige, Children's Bureau

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at: 9:00 am

1. Bauer, Cassie Leak

Reviewed the budget ending 7/31/2013. Zero balance remained.

A year end report was reviewed that outlined this contract year goals. (Year end report distributed to membership)

Currently Bauer is seeking to hire two additional staff.

Cassie read a letter from a very appreciative parent of a child that attended camp through Community Partners in Delphi and expressed her appreciation for the sponsorship.

2. Wabash Valley Alliance

A quick review of the 7/31/2013 year end budget for Wabash Valley Alliance. Approximately \$2000 was under spent. This contract expired June 30, 2013. Services have successfully transitioned to the Children's Bureau. (Year end report distributed to membership)

3. Children's Bureau

Children's Bureau received cases from Wabash Valley and there have been 20 new referrals for a total of 36 as of July 25th. These are predominately DCS referrals along with one self referral. They are working to establish local relationships as a key goal. (report distributed to membership)

4. Budget

The year end 7/31/2013 budget was spent at 82% of the total allocation. The new fiscal year budget is projected to be available in September and will be shared at that time with members.

5. Biennial Plan

There is nothing to discuss at this time. We are still awaiting direction on the strategies for 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 am

Next meeting is September 27, 2013 @ 9:00 am

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Smith Grossman, MSW, LSW
Regional Manager, Region 5